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Attorney's Docket No. 004900-174 THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE In re Patent Application of Group Art Unit: 1714 Jean-Marie BERNARD et al. Examiner: Patrick Niland Application No.: 09/486,343 Confirmation No.: 9972 Filed: February 25, 2000 METHOD FOR MASKING For: POLYISOCYANATES IN EMULSION REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER MAIL STOP RCE Customer No. 2 1 8 3 9 Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the [] \$385.00 (2801) [X] \$770.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e). Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be 1. [] A. entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified in item 2 below. Applicant(s) previously submitted the following documents for which continued [X] B. examination is requested: Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on September 3, 2003. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _ Other: The following documents are enclosed with this submission: 2. Amendment/Reply. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s). [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS). [] Petition for Extension of Time. Other: [] Small entity status is hereby claimed. 3. [] No additional claim fee is required.

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for in this application prior to this submission:

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Basic Fee					\$770.00 (1001)
Total Claims	110	MINUS 110 =	0	× \$18.00 (1202) =	0
Independent Claims	3	MINUS 3 =	0	× \$86.00 (1201) =	0
If multiple dependent	claims are pr	esented, add \$290.0	00 (1203)	(====)	0
Total Fee					770
If small entity status is	claimed, sul	otract 50% of Total	Fee		770
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4. [X] A check in the amount of $\frac{1,190}{}$	is enclosed for the fee due.
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- 5. [] Charge \$ ______ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- 6. [] Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least _, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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